

Review

Advanced oxidation processes for *in-situ* production of hydrogen peroxide/hydroxyl radical for textile wastewater treatment: a review

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ABSTRACT

Fenton Process, a type of Advanced Oxidation Processes is an efficient method for treating textile wastewaters. However, excessive use of hydrogen peroxide and catalyst has made this process economically non-feasible. Besides, industrial grade hydrogen peroxide costs \$390–500 per ton. One of the means to overcome this problem is the *in-situ* production of hydrogen peroxide. In this paper, a detailed review was conducted on the generation methods, degradation potential and optimum operating parameters for *in-situ* production of hydrogen peroxide/hydroxyl radicals. Additionally the scavenging aspect for hydroxyl radicals was also investigated. From this review, it can be concluded that hydroxyl radical is highly oxidative and non selective in nature and its *in-situ* production can be performed through application of catalyst, ozonation, photocatalysis, electro and microbial fuel cells. Furthermore, optimization of operating parameters can result in an increase in the yield of hydroxyl radicals/hydrogen peroxide. Sonolysis as an auxiliary tool has potential to induce synergetic effects in combination with Advanced Oxidation Processes to increase *in-situ* hydrogen peroxide production. However, the problem of the scavenging effect is an aspect that needs to be dealt with, as hydroxyl radicals are prone to deactivation by scavengers. Therefore based on the review, it is concluded that *in-situ* production of hydrogen peroxide/hydroxyl radical for treating textile wastewater is economically viable and practically feasible if careful selection of process is conducted through selective research.

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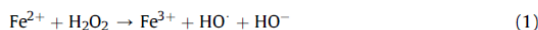
1. Introduction

Textile industry consumes immense amounts of process water and chemicals. Approximately 21–377 m³ of water is consumed for one ton of textile product (Sahunin et al., 2006) and chemical consumption normally varies from 10% to over 100% of the weight of the cloth (Ozturk et al., 2009). Estimates indicate that approximately, 7×10^5 tons of dyestuffs are produced annually and 280,000 tons of the textile dyes are discharged into water sinks through textile effluents (Eren, 2012; Jin et al., 2007). That, explains why textile effluent is characterized by high COD (150–10,000 mg/L), BOD (100–4000 mg/L), pH (6–10) and color content (50–2500) (Kalra et al., 2011). Moreover, discharge of even a small quantity (ca. 1 mg/L) of dye is not acceptable and may produce toxic compounds at the end of treatment process (Ghodbane and Hamdaoui, 2009).

Since dyes are designed to resist degradation, these are chemically stable, non-biodegradable and exist as substances that possess

toxic and carcinogenic characteristics (Turhan et al., 2012). Therefore, a proper treatment strategy is required to meet the pollution control requirements. Majority of the conventional treatment methods comprise of adsorption (Yeh et al., 2002), coagulation (Alinsafi et al., 2005), filtration (Métivier-Pignon et al., 2003) and biological treatment (Paprowicz and Stodczyk, 1988). These methods are less efficient because dyes are stable against biological degradation (Wu et al., 2008), which results in sludge formation, membrane fouling and incomplete mineralization (Yeh et al., 2002; Alinsafi et al., 2005; Liu et al., 2007a,b).

Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOPs) comprise a series of methods including ozonation, photocatalysis, electrochemical oxidation, Fenton and Fenton-like processes. Although these processes use different reacting systems, all are characterized by similar chemical feature of utilizing highly reactive oxidizing agent such as hydroxyl radical (HO[•]) with redox potential of 2.80 eV (Krishnakumar and Swaminathan, 2011). However, the process that has gained attention is Fenton process because of rapid formation of HO[•] radicals in acidic medium according to the following chemical reaction:



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Technical feasibility study of Fenton oxidation together with other AOPs has been discussed in detail (Chong et al., 2012). Nevertheless, there are various factors that hinder the efficacy of the process such as reaction parameters (Tosik, 2005), types of salt used (Ledakowicz et al., 2000), high cost of hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) and excess consumption of chemicals exclusively H_2O_2 (Hassan et al., 2012). Additionally, hazards associated with the transport, handling and storage of bulk quantities of H_2O_2 have made the process unsafe and economically challenging (Sheriff et al., 2007). It was also evident from the study conducted by Meric et al. (2004) in which the authors reported that 400 mg/L H_2O_2 and 100 mg/L iron salt were consumed for degrading 100 mg/L of synthetic dye. Similarly, Argun and Karastas (2011) used 2000 mg/L of H_2O_2 for degrading 200 mg/L of synthetic dye. High consumption of H_2O_2 is not economically viable and it intensifies the need to find some cost effective and technically feasible alternatives for textile wastewater treatment.

One such option is *in-situ* production of H_2O_2/HO^\bullet or some other oxidants with redox potential comparable to HO^\bullet . In this context, several research groups have reported *in-situ* production of H_2O_2/HO^\bullet (Tosik, 2005; Yang et al., 2010) and some other oxidants such as sulfate radicals ($SO_4^{\bullet-}$), permanganate (MnO_4^-), hypochlorite (ClO^-), chlorine dioxide (ClO_2) and ozone (O_3) for textile wastewater treatment (Anipsitakis and Dionysiou, 2003; Xu et al., 2005; Méndez-Díaz et al., 2009; Turhan et al., 2012). Out of all these oxidants, *in-situ* production of H_2O_2/HO^\bullet has received much attention because of its high redox potential and non-selective nature for most of the organic contaminants (Neyens and Baeyens, 2003). The redox potential of few oxidizing agents is provided in Table 1. Possible methods that are available in literature for *in-situ* production of H_2O_2/HO^\bullet include AOPs such as ozonation, photocatalysis, electrochemical oxidation and microbial fuel cells. Therefore, this review aims at discussing literature relevant to *in-situ* H_2O_2/HO^\bullet production by AOPs. However, there are some economical, technological and operational issues with commercial production of H_2O_2 that must be considered before going into the detail of *in-situ* production of H_2O_2/HO^\bullet .

1.1. Challenges with commercially available H_2O_2

Hydroxyl radical (HO^\bullet) is unstable in nature that is why for wastewater treatment applications commercially available H_2O_2 is used as a source of HO^\bullet production. It is one of the cleanest and ideal oxidants for the degradation of dyes and organic contaminants present in wastewater (Sheriff et al., 2007). Globally, demand for H_2O_2 has increased. According to the statistical report published by ICON Group, H_2O_2 with the total worth of US\$ 383,067 (Parker,

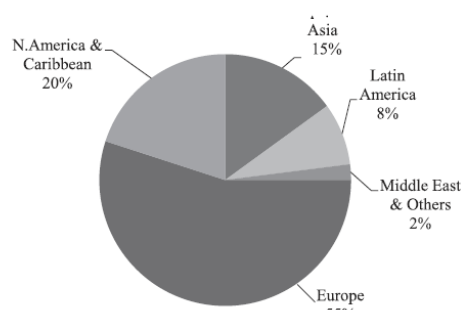


Fig. 1. World supplies of Exported Hydrogen Peroxide (2005).

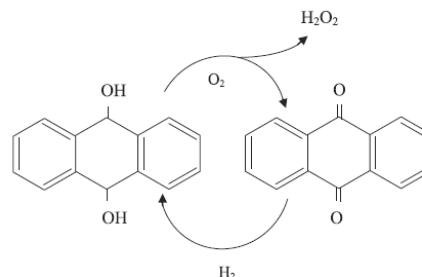


Fig. 2. Conventional method for H_2O_2 production (Campos-Martin et al., 2006).

2004) was exported in 2005 which was increased by 37% in 2011 (Parker, 2010). This group also discussed the breakdown of market in context of its supply and consumption in different regions of the world as shown in Fig. 1.

Besides increase in demand, the cost of commercially available H_2O_2 is also high. Industrial grade H_2O_2 costs \$390–500 per ton (Zhu and Logan, 2013). Commercially, H_2O_2 is produced by the oxidation of anthrahydroquinone as shown in Fig. 2. Successive developments in this technology have reduced the cost of chemicals by replacing conventional Raney-Ni by highly selective and highly active Pd/Al_2O_3 (Chen, 2006). However, energy requirement of the process is still higher. This is because, for trade purposes, the product formed must be concentrated up to 70% (Campos-Martin et al., 2006) which makes the process energy intensive and increase the cost of the product.

Direct method is another option where direct contact of hydrogen and oxygen over the surface of catalyst leads to the formation of H_2O_2 . It is a simple process as oxygen and hydrogen are naturally available. But there are several problems that must be dealt with such as side reactions, decomposition of H_2O_2 over the surface of catalyst (Campos-Martin et al., 2006) and formation of explosive mixture from hydrogen and oxygen (Voloshin et al., 2007). Possible ways to overcome these limiting issues have also been proposed but their practical applications have not been realized (Voloshin et al., 2007; Lunsford, 2003).

Several authors have also studied the potential of other oxidizing agents such as $SO_4^{\bullet-}$, O_3 , MnO_4^- etc based on their redox potential as given in Table 1. It is observed that most of the oxidizing agents have redox potential comparable to the H_2O_2 and HO^\bullet . Thus it is possible to use these oxidants for textile wastewater treatment. In order to confirm it, Co^{2+}/PMS system as a source of $SO_4^{\bullet-}$ free radical was investigated for the degradation of Acid Red 88 (AR88) dye. In this study, it was found that $SO_4^{\bullet-}$ widens the pH

Table 1
Redox potential of oxidizing agents.

Oxidizing agent	Redox potential	Reference
Hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2)	1.8	(Neyens and Baeyens, 2003; Kelley et al., 2003)
Hydroxyl radicals (HO^\bullet)	2.8	(Kelley et al., 2003)
Holes (h^+)	2.53	(Fujishima et al., 2000)
Sulfate free radicals ($SO_4^{\bullet-}$)	2.5–3.1	(Kelley et al., 2003; Zhao et al., 2010)
Ozone (O_3)	2.1	(Kelley et al., 2003)
Persulfate anions ($S_2O_8^{2-}$)	2.01	(Kelley et al., 2003; Liang and Lee, 2008)
Permanganate (MnO_4^-)	1.70	(Kelley et al., 2003)

range of the system but its selective nature for most of the oxidizing agents limit its application. Moreover, oxone which is used as a source of SO_4^{2-} is two times as costly as H_2O_2 (Anipsitakis and Dionysiou, 2003; Madhavan et al., 2009). Xu et al. (2005) examined decolorization efficiency of ten different dyes by utilizing KMnO_4 and found that MnO_4^- was efficient for decolorization and could be used as pre-treatment step for biological processes. However, concentration of MnO_4^- and pH is important to control for achieving high decolorization efficiencies. In another study, Méndez-Díaz et al. (2009) collated the performance of conventional oxidizing agents (ClO^- , ClO_2 , KMnO_4), O_3 , $\text{O}_3/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$, $\text{O}_3/\text{activated carbon}$ for the removal of sodium dodecylbenzenesulphonate (SDBS) and achieved 80% SDBS removal within 30 min with O_3/PAC while others showed insignificant results.

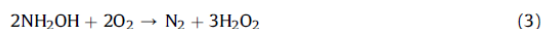
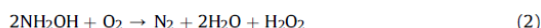
It is suggested that conventional oxidizing agents are more suitable to perform decolorization than mineralization (Xu et al., 2005). Limited works have been conducted on conventional oxidizing agents in this decade. Although, SO_4^{2-} has redox potential comparable to HO^\cdot (Table 1), its selective nature for organic contaminants hinders its practical application. Therefore, it is concluded that HO^\cdot is the most suitable option for textile or any other wastewater treatment. Therefore, this study was attempted to review and conclude all aspects of literature that determine the feasibility of *in-situ* production of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HO}^\cdot$ for textile wastewater treatment by using common AOPs.

2. In-situ production of hydrogen peroxide/hydroxyl radical from AOPs

In-situ production of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HO}^\cdot$ means its production at the time of treatment. From literature, possible methods that can be employed are AOPs comprising of iron catalyzed reaction, ozonation, photocatalysis, electrochemical or microbial fuel cells. Thus, this review is attempted to summarize AOPs studies that only focus on *in-situ* $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HO}^\cdot$ production.

2.1. Hydrogen substituted organic compounds as a source of H_2O_2

The concept of hydrogen substituted organic compound for *in-situ* H_2O_2 production has been suggested to overcome the shortcomings of direct method such as formation of explosive mixture of hydrogen and oxygen (Voloshin et al., 2007). Choudhary and Jana (2007) employed hydroxylamine as a source of hydrogen to react with oxygen to form H_2O_2 over $\text{Pd}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ catalyst [Eq. (2) and (3)].



This process was characterized by high reaction rates at neutral pH. However, net formation of H_2O_2 was decreased with increase in reaction time because of the decomposition of H_2O_2 over the surface of catalyst (Choudhary and Jana, 2007). However, Br^- or Cl^- ions can possibly be used as inhibitors to suppress the decomposition of H_2O_2 . But excess concentrations of Cl^- ions act as scavengers for HO^\cdot formed within the system (Ledakowicz et al., 2000). Park et al. (2000) discussed novel idea of catalyst loaded with organic compound for *in-situ* H_2O_2 production. They reported 1.5 times higher activity of zeolite beta supported Pd adsorbed with hydroquinone compared to zeolite beta supported with Pd alone.

Yalfani et al. (2011) compared the performance of hydrazine, formic acid and hydroxylamine as hydrogen substitutes for H_2O_2 production. Among all, formic acid was observed to be the least efficient for H_2O_2 production. However, efficacy of the process was improved when H_2O_2 produced was utilized at the same time.

Moreover, hydrazine was found to be dependent on acidic conditions which cause the corrosion of catalyst. Furthermore, its decomposition over catalyst surface resulted in rapid formation of H_2O_2 which in turn decomposed rapidly rather than participating in oxidation process (Yalfani et al., 2011).

Since this method has been successfully applied for the treatment of organic contaminants; it can possibly be used for textile wastewater. Although, it can overcome the limitations encountered in direct method, incomplete conversion of organic compound may increase the toxicity of the treated textile wastewater. Also, there may be the reaction between organic compound and *in-situ* HO^\cdot (conversion of *in-situ* H_2O_2 to HO^\cdot in the presence of Fe^{2+}) which lowers the process efficiency (Choudhary and Jana, 2007). Thus, it is suggested to use this process if organic compound (source of H_2O_2) is already present in the textile wastewater.

2.2. Iron catalyzed H_2O_2 production

Among transition metals, iron is known as a suitable catalyst for generation of HO^\cdot radicals through Fenton process (Anipsitakis and Dionysiou, 2004). Its role in *in-situ* production of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HO}^\cdot$ was explored in the last decade.

Borda et al. (2003) explored the catalytic ability of iron pyrite to produce HO^\cdot radical. According to the study, water adsorbed on the catalyst surface dissociates on sulfur deficient sites and forms HO^\cdot radical in oxygen free medium. Later, in 2012, Wang et al. (2012) extended the idea of Borda and his co-workers for *in-situ* production of HO^\cdot radicals. The report suggested that in the presence of oxygen, pyrite was thermodynamically unstable and either dissolved oxygen or Fe^{2+} ions was available in suspension for the production of oxidizing agents as shown in Fig. 3. Moreover, Fe^{2+} ions formed Fenton reagent system with H_2O_2 for degradation of organic contaminants (Wang et al., 2012). In both studies, it was found that production of sulfate ions SO_4^{2-} is an inevitable phenomenon and it may affect the yield of HO^\cdot radicals by scavenging process (Liu et al., 2012).

Fang et al. (2013) exploited the reductive property of magnetic nano-particles for transformation of oxygen into H_2O_2 . Here, transformation of oxygen into H_2O_2 takes place in two consecutive single electron transfers steps from MNPs sorbed Fe^{2+} with subsequent protonation with H^+ . Then H_2O_2 reacts with dissolved Fe^{2+} in bulk medium to produce HO^\cdot radical through Fenton reaction. From reaction mechanism, it was observed that pH has a profound effect on the type of oxidizing species available in reaction medium. As shown in Fig. 4, superoxide radical ($\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$) is dominant at alkaline pH while HO^\cdot is dominant at acidic condition.

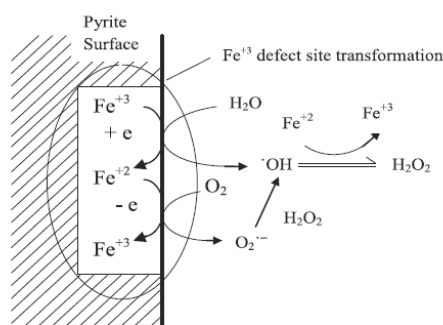


Fig. 3. *In-situ* production of $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HO}^\cdot$ by iron pyrite (Wang et al., 2012).

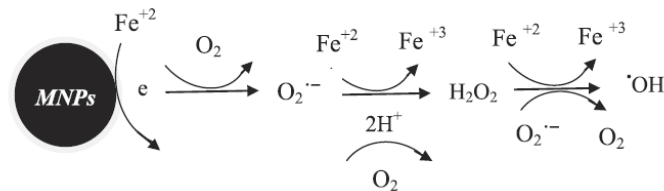
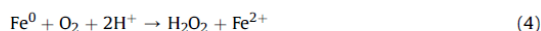


Fig. 4. Reaction pathways for *in-situ* production of HO[•]/H₂O₂ utilizing MNPs (Fang et al., 2013).

Although the application of above mentioned processes has not yet been investigated for textile wastewater treatment, comparison of these techniques with conventional Fenton oxidation processes portrays the feasibility of these methods for textile wastewater treatment.

Besides, zero valent iron (Fe⁰) has potential for *in-situ* generation of H₂O₂. Degradation phenomenon by Fe⁰ is attributed to the direct transfer of electron from metal surface to the dye or organic contaminant prior to *in-situ* production of H₂O₂, (Cao et al., 1999). This degradation step takes place via oxidizing agents such as H₂O₂ and other oxidative species depending on pH in oxic condition which in turn produce HO[•] radical for decolorization of dyes through Fenton process [Eq. (4) and (5)] (Yang et al., 2010).



Wang et al. (2010) reported that under oxic conditions, high COD removal was obtained because of the combined effect of oxidation and adsorption of dyes on iron hydroxides, generated from Fe⁰ oxidation. From above mentioned reaction equations, it can be inferred that the efficacy of Fe⁰ depends on the transfer of electron from the iron surface to the targeted contaminants. Lee et al. (2007) investigated the oxidation of Fe⁰ accelerated by peroxometalate (POM) as electron shuttle to improve the catalytic performance of the Fe⁰. POM is not suitable for the degradation of dyes waste; however quinone intermediates can possibly be used to accelerate the transfer of electrons.

Among aforementioned alternatives, iron catalyzed production of *in-situ* H₂O₂/HO[•] is a viable option for textile wastewater treatment. Moreover, it has some advantages over hydrogen substituted organic compound as there may be incomplete conversion of organic compound in later option, no matter produced H₂O₂ is utilized *in-situ* or *ex-situ*. Furthermore, iron catalyzed *in-situ* production of H₂O₂/HO[•] is also cost effective because single catalyst can be used for oxidant production as well as for degradation of dyes in textile wastewater. As evident from one study, the operating cost for Remazol Brilliant blue R (RBBR) degradation by Fe⁰/air reduced from 0.015US\$/g of dye (Fenton process) to 0.00113 US\$/g of dye (Chang et al. 2009).

2.3. Ozonation for *in-situ* H₂O₂/HO[•] production

Ozonation is an environmentally sound technique because of no sludge formation; potential to perform decolorization and degradation in a single step; decomposition of residual ozone into water and oxygen; less space requirement for equipment installation; less hazardous as no stock of H₂O₂ is required for the oxidation step and ease of operation (Chu and Ma, 2000; Oguz et al., 2005). Therefore, it is recommended to consider it an efficient option for *in-situ* production of H₂O₂/HO[•] for dye degradation.

Ozonation is suitable for complete decolorization rather than mineralization (Tosik, 2005). Ozonation process follows two different routes for degradation of textile dyes based on pH value. Under acidic conditions, ozone selectively attacks the aromatic and conjugated double bonds of chromophores in dye structures (Turhan et al., 2012) and leads to the formation of aldehydes, carboxylic acids and other by-products (Nawrocki and Kasprzyk-Hordern, 2010).

However, at high pH values, ozonation mechanism changes from direct ozonation to complex chain mechanism. As a result, HO[•], HO₂[•] and HO₄[•] radicals are formed (Glaze et al., 1987). Among these, HO[•] is dominant and it has a potential to open aromatic rings of dye present in textile wastewater (Chu and Ma, 2000). It was also explained by the findings of Turhan et al. (2012) that the reported COD removal of direct dye stuff in wastewater at pH 6.5 was 23.33% after 2 h of ozone bubbling which increased to 64.96% when pH value increased to 12.

Moreover, pH also effects the time required for complete decolorization. For example, time required for decolorizing direct dye stuff reduced to 59.62% when pH increased from 2 to 12 (Turhan et al., 2012). In another experimental study by Muthukumar et al. (2004), it was reported that the time required for complete decolorization of Acid Red 88 (AR88) by ozonation increased till pH 7 and then decreased which clearly indicates the decomposition of O₃ into HO[•]. The COD value obtained as a result of regression analysis at alkaline pH was 64% according to the study done by Muthukumar et al. (2004).

From this review, it can therefore be concluded that pH is the key parameter for accelerating *in-situ* production of HO[•]. Few investigations have discussed analogous results. For example, de Souza et al. (2010) and Tehrani-Bagha et al. (2010) reported slight change in dye degradation efficiencies at high pH values as compared to acidic conditions. They supported this result by arguing that it was buffered or non-buffered solution that played a role in promoting *in-situ* HO[•] production at high pH values. They explained that in non-buffered solution, pH value decreased because of the formation of acidic products and left no effects at the end. To overcome this problem, catalytic ozonation is an efficient alternative because ozone can decompose itself to produce HO[•] in the presence of catalyst. Furthermore, use of catalyst also promotes controlled decomposition of ozone into HO[•] resulting in effective mineralization of dye and organic contaminants (Nawrocki and Kasprzyk-Hordern, 2010; Kasprzyk-Hordern et al., 2003).

Wu et al. (2008) compared catalytic ozonation for homogeneous (Mn(II)) and heterogeneous (UV/TiO₂ & MnO₂) catalytic system for degradation of Reactive Red 2 (RR2) with subsequent mechanisms. And they observed high degradation of RR2 as a result of radical chain reaction and surface mechanism.

Performance of catalytic ozonation can further be improved in the presence of activated carbon as it enhances the chances of *in-situ* HO[•] radical formation. For this, Faria et al. (2009) demonstrated the activity of composite ACo-Ce-O for ozonation of one acid and

Table 2
Application of AOPs for *in-situ* production of H₂O₂/HO[•] for textile wastewater treatment.

Dye	Catalyst/oxidants	[Dye] (mg/L)	[Catalyst]/[Oxidants]	pH/T (°C)	Color removal	COD/TOC	AOPs employed	Reference
AO7 RR120 AB9 RBBR AB1	Fe ²⁺ /air	100	0.03 g/L	3/–	>99%	COD: 97% COD: 87% COD: 93%	Catalytic (Zero valent iron)	(Yang et al., 2010)
	Fe ²⁺ /air	100	50	3/–	>99% >99%	COD: 96% COD: 50%	Catalytic (Zero valent iron catalyst)	(Chang et al., 2009)
Calmagite	Mn(II)/Tiron/NH ₂ OH	0.1 mM	50 μM/1.50 mM/100 mM	8/20	–	–	H ₂ substituted organic compound	(Sheriff et al., 2007)
–	Pd/Al ₂ O ₃ with NH ₂ OH & O ₂		0.001 g	7/27	–	–	H ₂ substituted organic compound	(Choudhary and Jana, 2007)
RB19	O ₃	200	55 g/m ³	7/25	100%	COD: 55% TOC: 17% (800 mg/L of dye)	Ozonation	(Tehrani-Bagha et al., 2010)
AR88	O ₃	0.5 mM	2 g/h	3/– 11/–	98.2% –	– COD: 60.2%	Ozonation	(Muthukumar et al., 2004)
Dye bath effluent	O ₃	2480 ^a	11–111 mg/L min	4.7/20	60–91%	13–22%	Ozonation	(Sevimli and Sarikaya, 2005)
Plant effluent	O ₃	665 ^a	11–111 mg/L min	6.7/20	74%	11–33%	Ozonation	(Sevimli and Sarikaya, 2005)
Raw wastewater	O ₃	1700 ^a	18.5 mg/L	8.3/–	98–99%	7.64–15.88%	Ozonation	(Baban et al., 2003)
Biologically treated wastewater	O ₃	450 ^a	18.5 mg/L	8.3/–	70–75%	18.88%	Ozonation	(Baban et al., 2003)
Congo red	O ₃ /O ₂	500	0.5 L/min	12/25	–	COD: 85% TOC: 81%	Ozonation	(Faouzi Elahmadi et al., 2009)
Reactive Black 5	O ₃ (micro-bubbles)	230	132 mg/L	–/20	100%	TOC: 80%	Ozonation	(Chu et al., 2007)
Acid Red 14	O ₃	200	19.26 g/h	–/25	98%	COD: 45%	Ozonation	(Gao et al., 2012)
C.I. Reactive Red 2	O ₃ /UV/TiO ₂	100	1 mg/L	6.9/–	>95%	17–21%	Catalytic ozonation	(Wu et al., 2008)
	Mn(II)/O ₃		0.1 mg/L	2/–				
	MnO ₂ /O ₃		0.8 mg/L	2/–				
RR194	O ₃ /GAC	100	O ₃ : 200 mL/min O ₃ : 28 mg/L	6.3/–		COD: 80% TOC: 50%	Catalytic ozonation	(Gul et al., 2007)
RY145			GAC: 10 g/L	5.9/–		COD: 90% TOC: 50%		
Brilliant Red Dye	Cu ₂ O/MWNT/FeSO ₄	200	1 g/L 10 mmol/L	6/–	–	–	Solar light catalytic process	(Zhang et al., 2006)
AO7	TiO ₂ /UV	40	1 g/L/6 W lamp	6/20	–	–	Photocatalysis	(Chen et al., 2005)
RB5	TiO ₂ /SiO ₂ in the presence of ions	–	TiO ₂ /SiO ₂ : 1 (mass ratio)	5.8/21	–	–	Photocatalysis	(Aguedach et al., 2008)
RR45	UV/TiO ₂	80	0.5 g/L/125 W	5/25	59%	TOC: 23%	Photocatalysis	(Petemel et al., 2007)
	UV/ZnO	80	2.5 g/L/125 W		58.3%	TOC: 22.4%	Photocatalysis	(Petemel et al., 2007)
MB	UV/SiO ₂ /TiO ₂ -Ce	2.5	250 W/100 mg/L Ce: 0.2%	11/25	–	–	Photocatalysis	(Liu et al., 2012)
Procion yellow H-EXL	UV/TiO ₂ (P-25)	50	100 W mercury lamp/1 g/L	5/–	~100%	COD: 89%	Photocatalysis	(Barakat, 2011)
Ponceau-S dye	Nb ₂ O ₅ /CAC	40	400 W/5 g/L/1 g/L	8/–		TOC: 78.95% COD: 86.2%	Photocatalysis	(Patil et al., 2011)
MB	ZnO/SnO ₂	10	8 W/0.50 g/L Air: 400 mL/min	12/25	96%	–	Photocatalysis	(Chiang and Lin, 2013)
RR180	TiO ₂	150	24 W/2 g/L	7/25	97.17%	TOC: 83.05%	Photocatalysis	(Akyol and Bayramoglu, 2008)
C.I. Direct Red 23	SrTiO ₃ /CeO ₂	100	250 W/1.5 g/L	12/25	97%	COD: 69%	Photocatalysis	(Song et al., 2008)
Methylene Blue	TiO ₂ /Cu ₂ O with FeSO ₄ & EDTA	100	2	4/–			Catalytic/Photocatalytic	(Zhang et al., 2007)
Reactive Black 5	SrTiO ₃ /CeO ₂	100	200 W/0.02 g L ^{–1} /0.2 m ³ h ^{–1}	12/–	100%	TOC: 57%	Catalytic/Photocatalytic	(Song et al., 2007a,b)
Procion blue dye	Titanium anode coated with 70TiO ₂ /30RuO ₂ /TiO ₂ catalysts	100	6 W/2 A/dm ² /65 mg/L	3.5/–	100%	COD: 90%	Electro-photocatalytic	(Neelavannan and Ahmed Basha, 2008)
Acid Violet 7	ZnO/UV/air	5 × 10 ^{–4} M	2 g/L/8 W/8.1 mL/s	9/–	–	COD: 94.4%	Photocatalytic	(Krishnakumar and Swaminathan, 2011)
Eosin Y	ZnO/UV	50	0.4 g/16 W	6.9/30	39%	COD: 8.1%	Photocatalytic	(Chakrabarti and Dutta, 2004)
Methylene Blue	ZnO/UV	50	0.4 g/16 W	6.9/30	58%	COD: 24%	Photocatalytic	(Chakrabarti and Dutta, 2004)
RR2	O ₃ /Fe(II)	0.45 mM	10 mg/h/0.9 mM	7/25	k ₂ : 2248 M/s ^b	–	Catalytic ozonation	(Zhang et al., 2013)
MB	O ₃ /CNTs	30 mg/L	5 g/h/0.1 g	11/20	100%	TOC: 80%	Catalytic ozonation	(Zhang et al., 2013)
RR198/DG6	UV/O ₃ /MWNTs	150	9 W/0.03 g/L	3/25	100%	–	Photocatalytic ozonation	(Mahmoodi, 2013)

AO7: Acid Orange 7; RR120: Reactive Red 120; AB9: Acid blue 9; RBBR: LC Remazol Brilliant Blue; AB1: C.I. Acid Black 1; RB19: C.I. Reactive 19; AR88: Acid Red 88; RR2: C.I. Reactive Red 2; CR: Congo Red; RR194: C.I. Reactive Red 194; RR145: C.I. Reactive Red 145; AO7: Acid Orange 7; RB5: Reactive Black 5; RR45: C.I. Reactive Red 45; MB: Methylene Blue; RR180: Remazol red F-3B; R23: C.I. Direct Red 23; 4BS: C.I. Direct Red 23; AV7: Acid Violet 7; RR2: Reactive Red 2; MB: Methylene Blue; RR198: Reactive red 198; DG: Direct Green.

^a Concentration of real wastewater is always reported in terms of COD value.

^b Rate constant.

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